

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2024**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on September 17, 2024 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. President Rob Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call found the following trustees present Vicki Buffo, Dan Grady, Jacob Naas, and Terrence Stuber. Trustee Jared Robbins arrived at 6:48pm. Trustee Ann Jack Haluzak was absent. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath, and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Stuber gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Mitchell discussed a list of things he is unhappy about. The Board responded to his concerns.

John Moore was present to ask the status of the Illinois American Water project at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Marshall Street. He also showed the Board photos and discussed issues with a nuisance property at 121 East Daggy Street. Attorney Marc Miller will be in contact with Attorney Justin Brunner to find out the status of this property since he had already dealt with it.

**REPORTS**

**Engineers** – Larry Johnson said that Duce Construction got the crossing lights in for the Central Avenue crossing and hopes to get them in this week. He also gave the Board a cost estimate for the ITEP Grant.

**Public Works** – Todd Heath said the contractor is working on the generator installation at the Police Department and Village Hall and should be complete within 2 weeks. The Chevrolet 4500 dump truck bed is having the PTO put on so that the bed will work correctly. Heath is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tolono Township for storing road salt instead of fixing the roof on your salt shed.

**Police Department** – Chief Levingston said he has been helping with the drills at the schools.

**Office** – Brandy Dalton said the audit is still ongoing, she has been helping Jess Robbins compile information she needs for the ITEP Grant Application, and the office has been working on some lengthy payroll and benefits reports for a couple of Board members. She gave an update on the IL Funds account that she has been playing phone and email tag, but finally got the online access set up, and the money will be moved either tomorrow morning before she leaves for the IML Conference in Chicago or next week when she gets back.

**Board Members** – Trustee Buffo discussed the PTO changes that she had proposed. President Murphy said we need to leave the sick time the way it is. Trustee Stuber said he asked Clerk Dalton for a report that he is looking over, so he is not ready to give his specific thoughts on the PTO other than he doesn't agree with not allowing PTO roll

over but does think there should be a limit. Buffo said she would be done with it on her end.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. September 13, 2024 payroll; D. budget vs actual report; E. August 2024 bank statements and reconciliations. Item F. Resolution 2024-R-2, authorizing the grant application to ITEP for the pedestrian path will be moved to New Business.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The salt shed roof will be removed from the agenda as we work on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tolono Township.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the possibility of a Community Center, where it would be located, and what would be included. Trustee Grady would like to see a basketball court or a way for the kids to get off the streets. Trustee Stuber asked Trustee Buffo how people in The Oaks would get there. Trustee Buffo would like to see a place for people to walk, exercise and gather. Trustee Naas asked if there was a need for a new Village Office. President Murphy said that we could tear down the current Village Hall and build the Community Center there.

There was much discussion regarding the Building Official position and if it should be full or part-time, who hires the position, what that person's job duties would be. The discussion will continue.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to approve Resolution 2024-R-2, authorizing the ITEP Grant Application for a pedestrian path. Roll call: Buffo, nay; Grady, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Naas, second by Stuber to enter into executive session at 8:32pm for the limited purpose of the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more specific Village employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 9:22pm. Motion by Stuber, second by Grady to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC, MMC  
Village Clerk

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